Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1(currently amended). An internal tube gripping device comprising:

a. a first gripping arm comprising an elongated section with a central axis and a gripping end attached thereto and an angled section extending non-parallel to said central axis and comprising a connecting end attached thereto;

b. a second gripping arm, shaped substantially the same as said first gripping arm, but oriented in an opposite direction and pivotally attached to said first gripping arm;

c. a separately formed first link member comprising first and second ends, said first end being pivotally connected to said connecting end of said first gripping ~~member~~ arm;

d. a separately formed second link member pivotally connected to said first link member and comprising first and second ends, said first end being pivotally connected to said connecting end of said second gripping ~~member~~ arm;

e. wherein said link members have front, rear, and mid-pivot apertures and said mid-pivot aperture is closer to said front pivot aperture than to said rear pivot aperture; and

ef. at least one tensioning member connected to said second ends of said first and second link members.

wherein said link members have front, rear, and mid-pivot apertures and said mid-pivot aperture is closer to said front pivot aperture than to said rear pivot aperture.

2(original). The internal tube gripping device of claim 1, wherein said gripping end further comprises a series of teeth integrally formed thereon.

3(original). The internal tube gripping device of claim 1, wherein said first and second gripping arms are offset and overlap along said elongated sections.

4(original). The internal tube gripping device of claim 1, wherein said at least one tensioning member is flexible.

5(currently amended). The internal tube gripping device of claim 4, <u>further comprising a flexible tensioning member connected to each of said first and second link members,</u> wherein said flexible tensioning members are connected to a central tensioning member.

6(canceled).

7(currently amended). An internal tube gripping device comprising:

a. a first gripping means comprising an elongated section with a central axis and a gripping end attached thereto and an angled section extending non-parallel to said central axis and comprising a connecting end attached thereto;

b. a second gripping means, shaped substantially the same as said first gripping means, but oriented in an opposite direction and pivotally attached to said first gripping means;

c. a separately formed first link means comprising first and second ends, said first end being pivotally connected to said connecting end of said first gripping means;

d. a separately formed second link means comprising first and second ends, said first end being pivotally connected to said connecting end of said second gripping means;

e. wherein said link means have front, rear, and mid-pivot apertures and said mid-pivot aperture is closer to said front pivot aperture than to said rear pivot aperture; and

ef. a tensioning means connected to said second ends of said first and second link means.

8(currently amended). A method of pulling a roll of material comprising an internal roll tube, said method comprising the steps of:

a. providing a gripping device comprising:

i. a first gripping arm comprising an elongated section with a central axis and a gripping end attached thereto and an angled section extending non-parallel to said central axis and comprising a connecting end attached thereto;

ii. a second gripping arm, shaped substantially the same as said first gripping arm, but oriented in an opposite direction and pivotally attached to said first gripping arm;

iii. a separately formed first link member comprising first and second ends, said first end being pivotally connected to said connecting end of said first gripping ~~member~~ arm;

iv. a separately formed second link member comprising first and second ends, said first end being pivotally connected to said connecting end of said second gripping ~~member~~ arm;

v. wherein said link members have front, rear, and mid-pivot apertures and said mid-pivot aperture is closer to said front pivot aperture than to said rear pivot aperture; and

~~v~~vi. tensioning members connected to said second ends of said first and second link members;

b. inserting said gripping device into said roll tube; and

c. applying a tensioning force on said tensioning members.